

## REMARKS

Claims 1-64 are pending in the application. Claim 64 is withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. In the non-final Office Action of October 17, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 1-63 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over *Bowman-Amuah* (U.S. Patent No. 6,842,906) (“*Bowman-Amuah*”) in view of *Portwood* (U.S. No. 2004/0205706) (“*Portwood*”). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and addresses the Examiner’s disposition below.

Independent claims 1, 10, 11, 20, 21, 31, 33, 42, 43, 52, 53, 63, and 64 each claim subject matter relating to a session object or application object that includes a plurality of resource data. Each resource data is associated with one or more user environments and with a resource identifier. The resource identifier identifies that a resource data is required in the program. While the program is executing, it is determined from the session object or application object which of a plurality of user environments the program is executing in. Which of the resource data is suitable for the determined user environment is identified by using both the resource identifier and the determined user environment.

Thus, the program does not have to be fixed for a particular user environment. Instead, the program includes a resource identifier, which may be, for example, a place holder that indicates that a resource data is required at a particular location (e.g., text is required on a web page). There is a plurality of resource data (e.g., text strings in particular languages) each of which is associates with a user environment (e.g., a language or country). A particular resource data (e.g., a text string in the English language) is identified that is suitable for the user environment that the program is executing in (e.g., in the U.S.A).

This is clearly unlike *Bowman-Amuah* in view of *Portwood*, which fails to disclose or suggest determining a resource data that is suitable for a determined user environment by using both a resource identifier and a determined user environment. As acknowledged by the Examiner, *Bowman-Amuah* fails to disclose this claimed subject matter. Therefore, the Examiner attempts to disclose or suggest the claimed invention by combining *Bowman-Amuah* with *Portwood*.

However, *Portwood* is not a valid reference under 35 U.S.C. § 102. The present application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/295,784, which was filed on June 4, 2001, and claims priority to European Application No. 00122627.3, which was filed on October 17, 2000. Therefore, the present application has an effective filing date of October 17, 2000. The present application’s effective filing date of October 17, 2000 predates

*Portwood's* filing date of May 31, 2001. Therefore, *Portwood* is not a valid 35 U.S.C. §102 reference.

Accordingly, *Bowman-Amuah* in view of *Portwood* fails to disclose or suggest claims 1, 10, 11, 20, 21, 31-33, 42, 43, 52, 53, 63, and 64.

Claims 2-9, 12-19, 22-30, 34-41, 44-51, and 54-62 depend directly or indirectly from claims 1, 11, 21, 33, 43, or 53 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons that claims 1, 11, 21, 33, 43, or 53 are allowable.

Applicant respectfully submits the rejection has been overcome and requests that it be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 1-63 are patentable. It is therefore submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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